

Reconciliation Fathers and Sons

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers [a reconciliation produced by repentance], so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse [of complete destruction].””

Malachi 4:5-6 AMP

1. This prophecy points the forerunner to the Messiah, John, the Baptist.

“For all the prophets and the Law prophesied up until John. And if you are willing to accept it, John himself is [the fulfillment of] Elijah [as the messenger]

**who was to come [before the kingdom].
He who has ears to hear, let him hear
and heed My words.”
Matthew 11:13-15 AMP**

2. What was John’s message?

**“In those days John the Baptist
appeared, preaching in the Wilderness
of Judea [along the western side of the
Dead Sea] and saying, “ Repent [change
your inner self—your old way of
thinking, regret past sins, live your life in
a way that proves repentance; seek
God’s purpose for your life], for the
kingdom of heaven is at hand.””
Matthew 3:1-2 AMP**

**3. What is the curse and how is it
broken?**

**“But if you choose to live in bondage
under the legalistic rule of religion, you
live under the law’s curse. For it is**

clearly written: “Utterly cursed is everyone who fails to practice every detail and requirement that is written in this law!”

Yet, Christ paid the full price to set us free from the curse of the law. He absorbed it completely as he became a curse in our place. For it is written: “Everyone who is hung upon a tree is doubly cursed.” Jesus, our Messiah, was cursed in our place and in so doing, dissolved the curse from our lives, so that all the blessings of Abraham can be poured out upon even non-Jewish believers. And now God gives us the promise of the wonderful Holy Spirit who lives within us when we believe in him.”

Galatians 3:10, 13-14 TPT

4. How can we be blessed ministers of reconciliation to a lost and dying world, if parents and children in the church can't reconcile and turn their own hearts to each other?

5. King David is an example of what happens when parents and children harden their hearts. [II Kings 13]

-Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar and David did nothing to be a good father to either of them. Imagine both their hearts turning away from their father as they realized he didn't love them enough to do the right thing.

-Absalom killed his brother to avenge his sister, and David did nothing. Imagine Absalom's heart hardening to the point of murder, when his father refused to deal with him. He even burned Joab's field in order to get somebodies attention.

-David's family was suffering under the curse of sin and the whole nation was destabilized and almost destroyed because of it.

6. The curse that destroys relationships between parents and their children is broken at the Cross!

“For the “law” of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the “law” of sin and death.”

Romans 8:2 TPT

**The “Law of Sin and Death” says, “You were a bad parent!”, or “You were a rebellious, disrespectful child!” DEATH
The “Law of the Spirit of Life, says, “I love you” and “I forgive you” and “I bless you and honor you”**